

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please CANCEL claim 20 in accordance with the following:

Claims 1-18 (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) A method for allocating radio communication resources in radio cells of a cellular radio communication system having a plurality of user stations and network units, comprising:

dividing a frequency band into a plurality of sub-carriers used in the radio communication system for communication purposes, starting with an initial constellation having a transmission capacity, by dividing the frequency band into a number of sub-bands, each sub-band including at least one sub-carrier, so that the number of the sub-bands is different in at least two of the radio cells;

dividing the user stations into a number of groups;

forming a modified constellation from the initial constellation by at least one of

swapping at least one user station of a first group with at least one other user station of a second group while said dividing into the sub-bands said allocating of each group to the one of the sub-bands remains unchanged; and

swapping at least one sub-carrier of a first sub-band with at least one other sub-carrier of a second sub-band while said dividing into the groups and said allocating of each group to the one of the sub-bands remains unchanged;

allocating each group of the user stations to one of the sub-bands for communication; and

calculating the transmission capacity of the modified constellation.

Claims 20-24 (cancelled)